

The 118th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held on Saturday, February 21, 1987. The meeting was called to order by President Virgil Lessenden. The invocation was given by Jim Schleining. The ~~Southern~~ Colorado Junior Cattlemen led the pledge of Allegiance. The welcome was given by the Las Animas Chamber of Commerce President, Janice Keenan. The Juniors were dismissed to go to their meeting.

Corwin Brown, C.C.A. 3rd Vice President and their representative on the Accord Commission that meets with the Division of Wildlife, gave a short report and introduced Mel Depra, area Wildlife supervisor; Jenny Slater, area Biologist; Mark Elkins, Senior Biologist; and the new Wildlife warden, Steve Keefer.

Mrs. Marian Wilson, Southeast Colorado Cowbelle President, gave a report on the many activities of her group for the past year. She especially thanked Bent-Prowers for the display booth that was given to the Cowbelles. The booth was set up on the stage for all in attendance to see. She then introduced Marilyn Weber, Vice President of the Colorado Cowbelles. Marilyn gave a short report on Cowbelle memberships and then introduced Shirley Hampton, Colorado Cowbelle President, who gave a report on her groups activities in beef promotion.

Virgil then introduced Mardie Hanson, one of Colorado's members on the Cattlemen's Promotion and Research Board. She gave a very informative report and video demonstration of how the Beef Check-Off collections and promotions are doing. Following her report she answered several questions from the audience. Following Mardie's report there was a break to allow the Cowbelles to go to their meeting and for the members to partake of coffee and donuts furnished by the Federal Land Bank of Lamar and the Farm Credit Services.

Colorado Cattlemen's President, Wright Dickinson, spoke on results of trying to get Futures delisting past at the NCA convention, but to no avail. He also reported on changes in format for the 1987 C.C.A. Convention, June 17-18-19 in Glenwood Springs. He reported that there are openings on the Game & Fish Commission, where there is presently no landowner represented; and that Tommy Neal's term on the state Land Commission is up and that C.C.A. is supporting him for reappointment, but if he is not going to be appointed they are backing Robert Shoemaker. He also reported on legislative matters including, H.B. 1005 for a sales tax, workman's compensation, migrant labor regulations, and a farm credit task force.

Jay Rowe, State Brand Commissioner then gave a lengthy report on the activities of his department. He stated that he has submitted his retirement notice and that a new commissioner would be named later this year.

Leonard Pruett, Area Extension Supervisor, reminded those in attendance of the crop protection workshops next week, the Water Symposium next Sat. in La Junta, and the S.E. Colo Bull Test sale on April 10th in La Junta. He introduced Dr. David Ames, head of C.S.U. Animal Science Dept. He reported on some activites of his department

State Representative Elwood Gillis reported on Colorado's Budget matters and that some of the discisions would affect agriculture.

State Senator Rizzuto reported on economic development, H.B. 1005-sales tax bill, funding prisons and education, also highway commission bill and highway users fund monies.

Karen Turner, district Aide to Congressman Brown reported on Immigration bill and reported that the Congressman was appointed to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Ryan Sallee, newley elected President of Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association reported on the election of officers and his groups yearly activities.

Copies of the minutes of last years annual meeting were distributed. Ron Deeds moved and Steve McEndree 2nd a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Dr. James & Mary McMillin were presented with their Purchased Life Membership plaque. Leland & Nancy Barnes are also paid up members but were absent at this time.

Audit and Budget reports (copie to follow) were given by Pat Karney and Jim Schleining. Following Jims report he moved the acceptance of this report. 2nd by Lew Mathews and passed.

John Smartt then gave the Endowment Trust financial report (copy follows). Moved by Jim McMillin and 2nd by Joe Kasza that this report be accepted. Motion passed.

Joe Kasza read the proposed change to Sec. 7 of the By-Laws.(Amaximum of four (4) members from each of the five (5) counties shall be elected as directors at the annual meeting each year. These directors shall assist the officers in formulating the policies of this association. Any director who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse may be dismissed and replaced at the discretion of the Board.) Joe moved the adoption of this change in By-Laws. 2nd by Ray Hays. Steve McEndree moved to amend the Sec. 7 by adding that the three immediate past presidents shall also be Board members. 2nd by Joe Oswald. The amendment passed on a show of hand 34-0. The By-Law change as amended passed 30-0.

Resolution Committee Chairman, Doug Hasser, Then presented his committee's resolutions for consideration.

1. Reinstatement of Capital Gains, Investment Credit , Income Averaging, and Depreciation.

2. Double Taxation

3. DOW Landowner permits

Jim McMillin moved that we set aside #3 to be discussed after the other resolutions are voted on. 2nd by John Smartt and passed.

4. ACP Cost-Sharing on livestock water tanks

5. Rodent Control

6. Nee Grande Reservoir study

John Smartt moved to table #6. Jim McMillin 2nd. The motion to table passed.

7. Thank You resolution

8. Memorials

Joe Oswald moved and Clyde McEndree 2nd a motion to accept resolutions #1,2,4,5,7,8. Motion passed.

Discussion was then held on resolution #3. Jim McMillin moved That we do away with Resolution #3 as it is presently written. 2nd by Steve McEndree. Motion passed. Steve and Doug will work on rewriting this resolution.

Jim McMillin moved that Bent-Prowers write to the Governor supporting Robert Shoemaker for the position on the State Land Board if one exists. 2nd by Joe Oswald. Corwin moved to amen the motion to read that we support Tommy Neal and if he he is not considered our support then go to robert Shoemaker. Amendment 2nd by Clyde McEndree. The amendment passed on a show of hands 15-1. The motion as amended then passed 22-0.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Bill Sparks gave the following report. President, Joe Kasza; 1st Vice President, Doug Hasser; 2nd Vice President, Pat Karney; Secretary-Treasurer, John Smartt; Immediate Past President, Virgil Lessenden; Past President Bill Sparks; Past President, gene Keenan. Directors from Baca County, Steve McEndree, Mark McVey, Mike Wittler, and Ron Deeds; Bent County, Alan Dean, Doug King, Jim Schleining; Kiowa County, George Blackburn, Leland Barnes, Bruce Fickenschier, and Louis James, Jr.; Otero County, Ken Clark, H.H. Mendenhall, Ross Nielsen, and Donny Hansen; Prowers County, Ray Hays, James Heath, Dean Neill, and Delvin Reinert. Bill Sparks moved the nomination of the above named officers and directors. 2nd by Clyde McEndree and passed.

Virgil then presented the Barnes traveling belt buckle to incoming President Joe Kasza who then gave his acceptance speech.

Steve McEndree presented the rewritten resolution #3. Steve moved its adoption. 2nd by Doug Hasser. After discussion the resolution passed on a voice vote. A copy of all passed resolutions follows.

Wright Dickinson commended Corwin Brown on his fine work on the Accord commission with the DOW.

President Kasza reminded everyone of the punchbowl and banquet at St. Mary's School to start in about 30 minutes. Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

J. A. Smartt

John A. Smartt, Secretary

Saturday evening February 21, 1987 approximately 230 members and guests gathered at the St Mary's School in Las Animas for a roast beef dinner.

The sale of three Pheasant feather pictures and an afgan made by Wanda Lessenden brought \$820 for the Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust Fund. The sale of a stained glass wall hanging donated by Tillie Autry brought \$665 for a Joe Autry memorial and C.C.A. Endowment Fund.

Following the Auction Corwin Brown gave the invocation. President Kasza introduced those at the head table. Following dinner the Honorable Governor Roy Romer gave his talk.

Joe thanked Janice Keenan for all of the work that she had done on the meeting and banquet. Honorary Life Members were asked to stand.

Doug Hasser then made the 1987 Honorary Life Member Award to Narvey Larrew. Accepting for Narvey were his wife, Bunny and son, Todd.

The drawing for \$50.00 from the paid up member list was held. After several names were drawn that weren't present, Jerry Keffler's name was drawn. Jerry donated his \$50.00 to the Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust.

RESOLUTION # 1

WHEREAS: The Congress of the United States has enacted a new and sweeping tax reform law during its last session and

WHEREAS: many good and useful tools of the old tax code were destroyed, and many years of study and work went into these laws, and

WHEREAS: With the loss of these tools all of small business, much of the large business, and all of the agricultural sector, have lost the incentives to make new investments and help keep our economy strong thru the constant purchase of new equipment, and the sales of property that are eligible for capital gains, and

WHEREAS: income averaging and the accelerated depreciation schedule in the previous law were incentives to agriculture and all of business, to expand, and help the economy,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record as supporting the reinstatement of Capital Gains, Investment Credit, Income Averaging, and Depreciation as they were previously in the I.R.S. code.

RESOLUTION # 2

WHEREAS: the citizens of England were over taxed and double taxed and many dissatisfied people journeyed to the New World and formed the thirteen Colonies, but were still overtaxed, and this was one of the main reasons for the Revolutionary War, and

WHEREAS: the United States Congress, when it enacted the first income tax law in 1913 recognized that all taxes paid to State and Local Governments must be deductible from the Federal Income Tax, or it would be double taxation, the very thing our forefathers fought and died, to prevent in the Revolutionary War, and

WHEREAS: the 100th Congress in its rewriting of the tax code, overlooked this very important part of our American Heritage, and now there is double taxation, because state income taxes and local sales taxes are no longer a deduction

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record as supporting the reinstatement of a deduction for all state and local taxes to correct the gross injustice done to the American people thru double taxation.

RESOLUTION # 4

WHEREAS the national ASCS committee has authorized ACP Cost-Sharing for installation of storage facilities such as livestock water tanks, and

WHEREAS the state of Colorado ASCS committee does not allow cost-sharing for installation of livestock water tanks

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record encouraging the Colorado ASCS committee to change their policies regarding ACP cost-sharing for livestock water tanks to meet the policies and specifications of the National ASCS committee.

RESOLUTION # 5

WHEREAS rodent control in the State of Colorado has become a monumental problem because of the alarming increase in the population of prairie dogs, gophers, skunks, and various other rodents in the State, since the legislature stopped funding a rodent control program about six years ago through the Colorado State Department of Agriculture, and

WHEREAS rodents have increased to epidemic levels throughout the State,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a adequate amount of money be diverted, from the wildlife protection fund, to the Colorado Department of Agriculture, for the sole purpose, of reinstating the predator control fund, and to be administered by the Colorado Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the counties in Colorado. This money will be used exclusively for the control of prairie dogs, gophers, and other rodents throughout the State of Colorado.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers and the Colorado Cattlemen's Association work to pass a bill with this end result.

RESOLUTION # 7

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies, media, and individuals who made us welcome here in Las Animas and so generously contributed to the success of this 118 Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION # 8

Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members have passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone on before us have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, now stand to take as moment to memorialize our deceased members.